

➤ Unit 13 - 1 (v 1-20): Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

A. Daily Study

13 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, ⁴ rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

[✍] In-depth Questions

1. What would Jesus do in His hour? (v 1) – Luke 9:28-31
 - He would depart from this world and go to the Father
2. How much did Jesus love His disciples? (v 1)
 - He loved them to the end (= in this world and Heaven)
 - Matthew 28:20, "even to the end (= completion) of the age"
3. What can be 'all things' that the Father had given? (v 3)
 - Father God gave the power of _____ of this world.
4. What can we learn from Jesus? (v 4-5)
 - His _____, care, and humbleness;
5. What can we learn from this conversation between Peter and Jesus? (v 6-8)
 - Peter's humble and caring heart for his Lord.
 - Jesus wanted to teach him something
6. Why did Peter want Jesus to include his hands and head? (v 9)

- Peter wants to be _____ to the Lord
7. What can we learn from Jesus' comment? (v 10)
 - Bath - See 1 Cor. 6:11, "... you were washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
 - Washing feet – Matt 6:12, "... forgive us our debts, as we forgive debtors."; 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He forgives us our sins and all unrighteousness."
 8. Who was not cleansed yet? (v 11) – See v10
 - Judas Iscariot
 9. What did Jesus want to teach to His disciples? (v 14-15)
 - He wanted His disciples to wash (= pray for) and serve each other as He did.
 - James 5:16, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and *pray for one another*, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."
 10. Who will be blessed? (v 17) – See v15:14
 - Those who know these things – wash and serve
 11. What would they know when Jesus died on the cross? (v 19)
 - I am he (= Messiah)
 12. Who would be the one whom Jesus would send? (v 20)
 - His disciples (= we are His disciples)
 13. What would happen when anyone receives us? (v 20)
 - They will receive Jesus Christ and Father God.

B. Today's Chal-Q

- ◆ How much can we wash and serve other Christians and beyond? (v 14-15)

❖ Today's Memory Verse

John 13:15 – "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."
(ESV)

C. Christian Doctrine Lesson

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